# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
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Procurement of Defence Equipment
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has signed agreement with foreign countries for procurement of defence equipment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount invested by the Government for procurement of defence equipment from foreign countries during each of the last three years and the current year indicating the amount in terms of percentage of total defence budget;

(d) whether the Indian Air Force and Navy have very less number of modern fighter aircraft and warships in comparison to China; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): Government constantly reviews the security scenario and accordingly decides to induct appropriate defence equipment including aircrafts and warships to keep the Armed Forces in a state of readiness to meet any eventualities and to defend national interests against any potential threats or adversaries.

During the last three financial years (2013-14 to 2015-16), 56 contracts have been signed with foreign vendors with cumulative value of Rs.53684.32 crore for Capital procurement of defence equipment for the Armed Forces such as Aircrafts, UAVs, Helicopters and Ammunition.

The expenditure on Capital acquisition from foreign vendors and percentage of such expenditure of the total expenditure on Capital acquisition during each of the last three years is as under:-

Year Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
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2013-14 35082.10 (52.47%)
2014-15 24992.36 (38.11%)
2015-16 22422.12 (36.30%)

The expenditure on capital procurement from foreign vendors during 2016-17 (upto 30.6.2016) is Rs.2795.78 crore.

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